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Application Number : 09/970,624
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Title : " A Nitrate-Responsive Root Transcriptional
Factor"
Group/Art Unit : 1638
Examiner : Mehta, Ashwin D.
Attorney Docket Number : 1263

Commissioner for Patents
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**Request for Reconsideration and Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 to Final
Office Action mailed January 6, 2004**

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the Office Action of 01/06/2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.